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1. WE HAVE HELD OUR FIRE SINCE RECEIVING STATE 174076
CONCERNING THE RENEWED THREAT OF A MIHAIOVIC MEMORIAL,
BUT ARE PREPARED TO UNLEASH LETTERS FROM THE AMBASSADOR
AS YOU SUGGESTED. BEFORE WE DO COULD YOU GET US AN
UP-DATED PROGNOSIS AS TO HEARINGS, OR ANY OTHER INDICATORS
OR GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO REACT.

2. ON YOUR QUESTION AS TO WHAT LONCAR MEANT CONCERNING
THE YUGOSLAV APPROACH TO HAVANA (PARA 3 STATE 204273),
WE ARE SATISFIED THAT HE WANTED US TO UNDERSTAND THAT,
WHILE THE YUGOSLAWS WILL NOW BE WORKING TO ENCOURAGE
FULL ATTENDANCE AT HAVANA, THEY PLAN TO RETAIN OPTIONS AS
THEY GO, DEPENDING ON CUBAN BEHAVIOR OR OTHER FACTORS,
AND THAT THESE OPTIONS INCLUDE NOT ONLY PARTICIPATION AT A
LOWER LEVEL, BUT ALSO NON-PARTICIPATION. IT SEEMS SAFE, OF
COURSE, TO ASSUME THAT THE YUGOSLAWS WOULD ONLY ADOPT SUCH A
COURSE IN EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ONLY IF THEY BELIEVED
THEY COULD CARR THE MOVEMENT WITH THEM, ISOLATING THE CUBANS,
NOT THEMSELVES.

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3. ON ARTUKOVIC (PARA 4 STATE 204273), YOU COULD NOT, OF
COURSE, GET A MORE POWERFUL WITNESS THAN THE AMBASSADOR.
HOWEVER, HE IS NOT HERE TO DEFEND HIMSELF, AND THERE MAY BE
ARGUMENTS AGAINST USING A SITTING (OR EVEN STANDING) AMBASSADOR
FOR THIS PURPOSE. I WILL ASK HIM FOR HIS THOUGHTS WHEN HE
RETURNS. I AM SURE, IN ANY EVENT, THAT HE WOULD AGREE THAT

MOST OF THE OTHERS ON YOUR LIST WOULD DO WELL.

4. WHILE WE ARE NO CLOSER TO SOLVING THE BASIC PROBLEMS OF DUAL NATIONALITY, WE SEEM TO HAVE COME OUT OF OUR CURRENT CROP OF PROBLEMS QUITE WELL. YOU HAVE REPORTS ON THE TWO RECENT ZAGREB CASES. A THIRD, ON WHICH WE ARE REPORTING FRONT CHANNEL, INVOLVES A YOUNG MAN WHO HAVING COME HERE FOUR YEARS AGO AT AGE 16 WITH HIS PARENTS, WAS PREVENTED FROM LEAVING RECENTLY BECAUSE HE HAD NEITHER RETAINED STATUS AS A VISITING AMERICAN NOR REGULARIZED RESIDENCE AS A YUGOSLAV. WHILE THIS WAS BEING SORTED OUT, HE WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD NOT LEAVE UNTIL HE HAD MET HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION. WE SHOUTED TO CRNJAK WHO, STALWART THAT HE IS, HAS JUST TOLD US THAT THE FELLOW -- SEKULIC BY NAME--MAY LEAVE NOW AS AN AMERICAN. IF WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING ABOUT THE CONSULAR CONVENTION DRAFT BY NEXT MONTH, WE WILL JIGGLE THE YUGOSLAVS.

5. YOU FELLOWS ALWAYS DO WELL BY US, BUT THE COVERAGE OF YESTERDAY'S FESTIVITIES IN CHICAGO WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AND WE APPRECIATE IT. WE WERE, AS A RESULT, BETTER INFORMED THAN EITHER THE YUGOSLAVS OR THE FRG EMBASSY HERE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE WORD THAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT YUGOSLAV INSTALLATIONS IN THE US WAS WELCOME.

6. SOME TIME AGO (BELGRADE 4752) I ASKED IF HERB KAISER COULD LET US KNOW HOW FAR HE HAD GONE IN DISCUSSING WITH BLAZEVIC
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THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IVP VISIT THIS FALL. NOW THAT HERB IS BACK AT WORK, I WONDER WHETHER YOU CAN EXTRACT THE INFORMATION FROM HIM.

7. DARRYL WAS EVIDENTLY AT HIS MOST IMPRESSIVE IN A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL SEDMAK, ONE OF OUR CITIZENS IN PRISON HERE. AS A RESULT, SEDMAK BELIEVED THAT DARRYL PERSONALLY TOOK HIS CASE UP WITH TITO. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY DENIED THIS, BUT ARE PREPARED TO REVERSE OURSELVES IF HE IS, IN FACT, CORRECTLY INFORMED.

8. VAKIC VISIT: WE ARE GOING IN WITH AN OPEN CHANNEL MESSAGE ON THIS, BUT WISH TO EMPHASIZE OUR CONCERN THAT BOTH DOC AND YOU KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PECI-POPOVIC IN NEW YORK (WHO CHAMBER OF ECONOMY OFFICIALS HERE TELL US IS THE KEY MAN FOR OVERALL PLANNING OF THE VISIT, ITINERARY AND BUSINESS MEETINGS) TO INSURE THAT PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS ARE MOVING AHEAD SATISFACTORILY AND WILL NOT BE DUMPED IN OUR COLLECTIVE LAPS AT THE LAST MINUTE. CLEARLY, WITH SOME 35 VARIOUS YUGOSLAV BUSINESSMEN DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS AND TRAVELLING AROUND THE US FOR TWO WEEKS, WHILE THE VAKIC PARTY LEAPFROGS BETWEEN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, FLORIDA AND WASHINGTON, THERE WILL BE

AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SNAFUS. ON VAKIC'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM, SEVERAL YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS HERE HAVE TAKEN PAINS TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE DOES RANK AT THE DEPUTY PREMIER (THE CHAMBER SAYS EVEN SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE DEPUTY PREMIER) LEVEL IN THE GOY AND WE HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF VISITS CAN BE ARRANGED.

9. E/C WORKING GROUPS: HAVE JUST RECEIVED STATE 09427 AND WILL ALSO BE REPLYING TO THAT IN OPEN CHANNEL. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, PROCEDURES OUTLINED APPEAR FINE WITH US AND THE TWO SMALL INFORMAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND BELGRADE (WE STILL HOPE TO HAVE OURS SEPTEMBER 18) SHOULD BE USEFUL AS ORGANIZATIONAL/PROCEDURAL SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE FORMAL MEETING LATER IN THE FALL.
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